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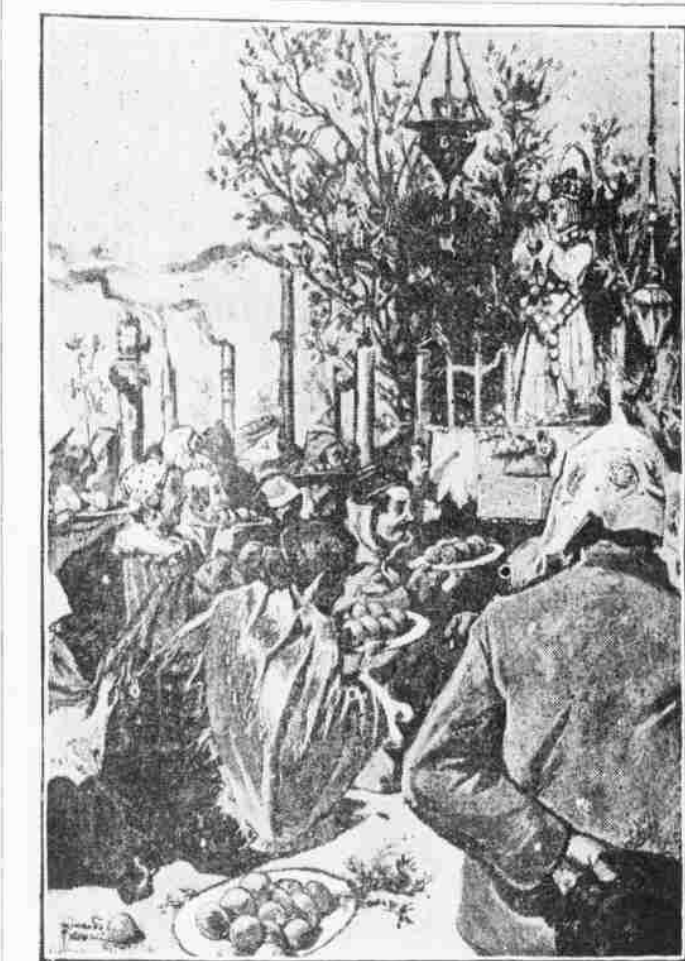
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CHRISTMAS IN THE VAL DI ROSE

By
WALTON WILLIAMS



THE OFFERING IN THE VAL DI ROSE.

Understanding of the subject illustrated. This is the origin of the mystery or miracle plays and also of the sacred tableaux vivants which in time were enacted in the rural churches. These living pictures always illustrated some Biblical subject and were probably of great spiritual benefit to those who could not read.

It was thus that the great features of the Christian religion were made intelligible to the public. This practice began early in the tenth century and grew in favor for at least 200 years. In the thirteenth century, however, the custom had become so subject to abuse that the clergy began to frown

upon it, and finally they prohibited all forms of Biblical representation in the churches.

In these most of the Easter mystery pictures disappeared from the churches, but many of the Christmas illustrations had acquired such a firm hold upon the popular heart that they remained and have been brought down to the present day in a somewhat modified form. Such is the "fambino," which is seen today in all parts of the Christian world and which has come to possess almost a ritualistic significance.

Another Christmas mystery which still survives, although its perpetuation is confined to a limited region, is the quaint and decidedly impressive Christmas ceremony known as "the offering." This custom has been repeated for centuries on Christmas day in the churches of the Italian highlands. It is illustrative of the visit of the magi

to the infant Jesus at Bethlehem. A little boy is chosen to represent the Saviour. Dressed in a white robe, wearing a gilded crown and holding a globe in his hands, he stands upon an altar surrounded by olive branches and a multitude of lighted candles. Various lamps hang above him, and abundant offerings of fruit and flowers are at his feet. A crowd of peasants, both men and women, clad in festival attire and wearing the picturesque head coverings of the Tuscan mountaineers, bring oranges and pomegranates from their tiny gardens and offer them devoutly to the weary little representative of the Lord of the harvest.

O MISTLETOE

By NINA PICTON

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What could I do?

THREE times she passed beneath the mistletoe,
With face so arch and eye of blue,
And I, distraught, what could I do?
Rank forward—I turned round
and let her go.
O mistletoe!

From every nook and corner
blazed the light;
Eyes gleamed like stars in
matchless ray.
Yet ne'er an eye of black or gray
Shone full and soft as hers that
old year night.
O wondrous light!

Each one waxed bold as forth she
came again,
And o'er her golden hair the
bough
Of witchery hung. My hour
came now.
I caught and kissed her like a man
insane.
O happy swain!

She neither screamed nor smiled
nor chid me then,
But brushed her cheek like
thistle-down,
And then a tiny, childish frown
Came 'twixt her brows. "At last!"
cried she. "Oh, Ben,
slowest of men!"

No ear but mine heard that im-
perious blame.
The crowd had passed. We
twain stood there
In perfect bliss, without a care,
And o'er and o'er I breathed her
perfumed name—
O Rose a-flame!

The joy bells rang. The old year
crept away.
Lusty and young the new year
stood,
Aglow with promise, life and
blood.
Ah, never was such night or holi-
day—
For all they say!

I caught and kissed her.



I caught and kissed her.

Are Large Houses Vulgar?
Are large houses vulgar? Certainly a parvenu who should build himself a house the size of Chatsworth or Rahy would be vulgar, as lacking a sense of proportion in a matter of taste. The inheritors of such places are of course not vulgar to live in them, though they are sometimes most unfortunate. Enormous houses survive the time of necessary restraints and a warlike state. They are useless for all modern purposes except display; pathetic, then, when new.—G. S. Street in London Outlook

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